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The total number of Juvenile delinquents as shown by returns for 1924 is 7,952, being 7,332 boys and 630 girls. These are classified as Major offences, 4,469 boys and 253 girls; and minor offences, 2,863 boys and 377 girls. In addition to these there were 257 boys and 13 girls charged with major offences but were dismissed.

In classifying the offences into Major and Minor, a more or less arbitrary line had to be drawn.

The indictable and non indictable offences as prescribed by the Criminal code form the basis of the classification used, but instead of dividing certain classes of offences, such as assaults, damage to property and theft, etc., which in some cases are defined as indictable and in some cases not, by the Criminal code, all are taken as major offences with regard to Juveniles.

Respecting major offences details of delinquents are compiled concerning: number of previous delinquencies proven; Birth place, Religion and Occupation of delinquents and parents; age, sex and school grade of delinquent, together with the nature of the offence and the disposition of the case.

As to minor offences the sex, nature of the offences and disposition of the case is all that is shown in the tables.

The returns from the principal cities for last three years show the following results:--

Juvenile Delinquency of the Principal Cities in Canada, by Class of Offences, and by Sexes for 1922, 1923 and 1924.

		Major Offences		Minor Offences		Total	
		Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Calgary, Alta.	1922	52	3	2	-	54	3
	1923	98	3	7	1	105	4
	1924	67	3	12	-	79	3
Charlottetown, P.E.I.	1922	5	-	-	-	5	-
	1923	10	-	-	-	10	-
	1924	30	-	-	-	30	-
Edmonton, Alta.	1922	101	3	11	-	112	3
	1923	73	2	27	-	100	2
	1924	61	-	13	1	74	1

Juvenile Delinquency of the Principal Cities in Canada by Class of Offences, and by Sexes for 1922, 1923 and 1924. (concluded)

		Major Offences		Minor Offences		Total	
		Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Halifax, N.S.	1922	78	3	59	-	137	3
	1923	152	-	30	1	182	1
	1924	130	1	66	7	196	8
Hamilton, Ont.	1922	64	-	40	7	104	7
	1923	168	7	35	2	203	9
	1924	92	-	41	3	133	2
Montreal, Que.	1922	537	30	496	126	1,033	156
	1923	784	19	515	108	1,299	127
	1924	660	55	582	135	1,242	190
Ottawa, Ont.	1922	134	10	104	9	238	19
	1923	96	4	161	14	257	18
	1924	183	10	195	9	378	19
Regina, Sask.	1922	40	3	3	-	43	3
	1923	81	6	2	3	83	9
	1924	112	5	28	1	140	6
St. John, N.B.	1922	21	-	2	-	23	-
	1923	36	-	-	-	36	-
	1924	22	-	21	-	43	-
Toronto, Ont.	1922	979	18	618	63	1,597	81
	1923	714	17	627	66	1,341	83
	1924	1,042	55	795	85	1,837	140
Vancouver, B.C.	1922	203	11	33	26	236	37
	1923	200	12	32	14	232	26
	1924	142	9	35	9	177	18
Victoria, B.C.	1922	22	1	5	-	27	1
	1923	26	-	42	3	68	3
	1924	53	2	34	1	87	3
Winnipeg, Man.	1922	543	37	450	34	993	71
	1923	528	31	427	67	955	98
	1924	639	63	696	93	1,335	156
Totals of the thirteen cities	1922	2,779	124	1,823	265	4,602	389
	1923	2,966	101	1,905	279	4,871	380
	1924	3,233	203	2,518	344	5,751	547
		P.C.	P.C.	P.C.	P.C.	P.C.	P.C.
Increase 1924 over 1922		16.2	63.7	39.3	29.9	24.9	40.6

It is revealed by the foregoing table that with respect to major offences the girls increased more than did the boys, but with respect to minor offences the reverse is the case. On the whole, however, the increase in girls is the greater.

Major Offences

The major offences of which juveniles were convicted, classified into the six classes similarly to adult offenders, are shown as follows for 1923 and 1924.

	Numbers Convicted	
	1923	1924
Class I - Offences against the person		
Muder	1	-
Rape and attempted rape	-	2
Carnal knowledge	12	7
Assault aggravated	40	20
" common	65	101
" indecent	27	29
" on females	2	2
" with intent to rob	-	1
Shooting, stabbing and wounding	5	8
Endangering life by obstructing railway	25	51
Other offences against the person	2	-
Totals of Class I	179	221
Class II - Offences against property with violence		
Burglary-shop and house breaking	707	758
Warehouse and freight car breaking	45	54
Robbery	2	5
Highway robbery	1	1
Totals of Class II	755	818
Class III - Offences against property without violence		
False pretences	9	8
Receiving stolen money	5	7
Receiving stolen goods	51	55
Horse stealing	7	9
Theft, undefined	2,505	2,308
" of automobile	17	99
" of bicycles	96	187
" of money	-	63
" of mail	8	6
" from the person	4	1
" of fruit, vegetables	17	35
" other petty	12	12
Various other offences against property	9	1
Totals of Class III	2,740	2,791
Class IV - Wilful damage to property		
Arson	28	19
Other damage to property	436	767
Totals of Class IV	464	786
Class V - Forgery and uttering	9	10
Class VI - Miscellaneous offences		
Attempt to commit suicide	2	2
Immorality	6	81
Sodomy and gross indecency	4	6
Escape from custody	6	7
Totals of Class VI	18	96
TOTALS	4,165	4,722

Dispositions

The dispositions of Juveniles convicted of major offences for 1923 and 1924, are as follows:-

	1923	1924
Reprimanded	177	418
On probation		
Made wards of Court	1,754	1,633
Returned to parents	220	321
Ordered to make restitution	273	555
Fined or paid costs	291	329
Detained indefinitely	91	100
Sent to Industrial School	339	453
Sentence suspended	956	747
Otherwise disposed of	# 64	X 66
Totals	4,165	4,622

= 13 and X = 40 Received corporal punishment.

Repeaters

The court records of these delinquents for 1923 and 1924 are as follows:

Number of times in Court	1923		1924	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
First offence	2,970	94	3,423	233
Second offence	467	21	536	14
Third offence	275	7	229	4
Fourth offence	166	2	145	1
Fifth offence and more	162	1	136	1
Totals	4,040	125	4,469	253

Juvenile Delinquents By Provinces for 1924.

Provinces	Major Offences		Minor Offences		Totals	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Prince Edward Island	31	-	-	-	31	-
Nova Scotia	246	5	136	8	382	13
New Brunswick	58	1	21	1	79	2
Quebec	722	60	590	135	1,312	195
Ontario	1,963	81	1,261	122	3,224	203
Manitoba	682	68	708	98	1,390	166
Saskatchewan	338	24	46	1	384	25
Alberta	189	3	30	1	219	4
British Columbia	240	11	71	11	311	22
Yukon	-	-	-	-	-	-
CANADA	4,469	253	2,863	377	7,332	630

According to Birth place of delinquents and their parents the returns show that of the 4,722 convicted of major offences 3,839 were born in Canada, 625 were born out of Canada and in 258 cases the birth place was not given.

Of the 3,839 native born children 2,164 were born of native born parents; 505 were native born of parents British born out of Canada; 830 were native of foreign born parents. Delinquents numbering 290 had one parent native born and one born out of Canada.

Of the 625 delinquents born out of Canada 325 were born within the Empire and 300 were born in foreign countries. The following table shows the country of birth in detail.

Country of Birth of Delinquents and
of Parents for 1923 and 1924.

Country of Birth	Population by country of Birth	Native Born Delinquents				British and foreign born delinquents	
		Both parents born in country		One parent born in Canada and one in country named		1923	1924
		1923	1924	1923	1924		
Canada	6,832,747	1,275	2,164	-	-	-	-
England	686,663	219	322	90	100	179	135
Wales	13,779	-	5	-	3	-	7
Scotland	226,483	72	108	22	41	87	102
Ireland	93,301	44	45	20	41	24	20
Newfoundland	23,107	5	19	3	3	9	3
Other British	21,468	2	6	3	2	10	8
Total British	1,064,801	342	505	138	190	309	325
Austria	57,535	127	117	2	2	40	31
Belgium	13,276	4	3	-	2	3	2
Czecho Slovakia	4,322	74	111	-	-	8	1
Denmark	7,192	2	3	2	-	1	-
Finland	12,156	4	6	-	-	1	3
France	19,240	-	10	3	4	3	2
Galicia	36,025	40	12	2	-	9	5
Germany	25,266	27	43	5	5	9	6
Holland	5,828	1	3	-	-	-	-
Hungary	7,493	8	20	-	-	4	4
Iceland	6,776	1	4	-	1	1	-
Italy	35,531	56	113	14	2	47	22
Jugo Slavia	1,946	1	4	-	-	1	2
Norway	23,127	8	5	2	3	3	2
Poland	29,279	103	136	4	-	33	41
Roumania	22,779	31	26	-	1	6	5
Russia	101,055	115	157	5	7	68	52
Sweden	27,700	12	12	1	1	1	1
Ukraine	11,357	10	32	-	-	2	5
Other European	11,436	5	4	-	2	5	5
Total Europe	459,328	629	821	40	30	245	189
China	36,924	1	-	-	-	6	4
Japan	11,650	-	1	-	1	-	-
Syria	3,879	3	1	-	-	-	1
Turkey	401	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other Countries	4,076	-	1	-	-	1	-
United States	374,024	56	56	52	65	84	106
Total Foreign	890,282	689	680	92	96	337	300
At Sea	653	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not Given	-	975	258	6	4	2	-
Totals	8,788,483	3,281	3,807	236	290	648	625

The Principal Religions of delinquents of major offences for 1923 and 1924 are shown as follows.

Religions	Total Religions 1921 Census	No. of Delinquents 1923	No. of Delinquents 1924	Rate of 1924 Delinquents per 100,000 of population
Anglicans	1,407,959	492	585	41.5
Baptists	421,730	128	159	37.7
Greek Church	169,822	76	225	132.6
Jews	125,190	130	164	132.6
Lutherans	287,484	96	95	3.3
Methodists	1,158,744	41	400	34.5
Presbyterians	1,408,812	383	572	40.6
Roman Catholics	3,383,663	1,716	1,772	52.3
Salvation Army	24,763	30	55	222.1
Various other sects	480,965	368	412	25.0
No Religion	-	-	19	-
Not given	19,351	405	264	-
Total	8,788,483	4,165	4,722	53.7

Occupations of fathers of delinquents and of those delinquents recorded as working, for 1924.

Class of Occupation of father		Number of Delinquents recorded as working
Agricultural	215	15
Fishing	9	-
Finance	2	-
Construction	215	1
Logging	14	-
Mining	57	-
Manufacturing	251	8
Professional	19	-
Service	190	20
Trade	190	2
Transportation	249	1
Labourers	959	21
Deceased	257	-
Not given	2,055	7
Totals	4,722	75

It might be pointed out that, disregarding those "not given", labourers together with deceased fathers form 46 p.c. indicating that more delinquents are found among the poorer classes than among those of higher walks of life.

The ages and school grades are shown in the following tables by sexes. On account of the grading in the Roman Catholic schools of the province of Quebec differing from that of the other provinces, a summary of the whole of Canada is impracticable, therefore separate tables are shown as follows:

AGE AND SCHOOL GRADE

Totals of Canada less the Roman Catholic Schools of the Province of Quebec.

M a l e s

Age	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Second-ary	Reads, Writes Grades F.G.	Illit- erate	Degree of edu- cation	Total
7	22	23	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	4	60
8	26	46	25	7	2	1	-	-	-	7	-	7	121
9	14	49	79	42	14	2	1	-	-	20	1	20	242
10	11	44	93	70	52	11	2	2	-	26	1	21	353
11	3	19	90	92	82	43	8	2	-	71	3	30	443
12	8	21	67	101	121	106	39	22	3	61	3	33	535
13	2	7	23	74	85	107	95	55	12	53	-	35	553
14	2	8	23	55	55	79	103	93	45	128	1	65	658
15	2	8	10	26	36	70	74	83	93	191	1	89	638
N.G.	-	-	6	5	5	2	3	1	4	32	-	112	168
TOTAL	90	225	425	473	452	421	325	258	157	593	11	416	3,851
F e m a l e s													
7	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
8	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	8
9	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
10	-	3	3	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	13
11	-	-	6	6	2	2	-	1	-	-	-	3	23
12	-	-	2	4	6	9	4	-	-	-	-	2	27
13	-	1	3	8	4	-	3	3	-	-	-	4	23
14	-	-	1	2	2	1	-	2	4	6	-	10	27
15	-	-	3	2	4	7	4	8	3	12	-	16	58
N.G.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	4	9
TOTAL	3	9	24	25	21	19	11	14	7	25	1	40	197

Quebec Roman Catholic Schools

M a l e s

Age	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Second-ary	Reads, Writes Grades F.G.	Illit- erate	Degree of edu- cation	Total
7	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	6
8	1	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	13
9	1	21	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	2	1	36
10	1	10	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	45
11	-	5	33	7	-	-	-	-	-	11	1	5	62
12	-	1	30	33	1	-	-	-	-	21	-	5	91
13	-	-	10	68	8	-	-	-	-	22	-	2	110
14	-	-	5	24	33	3	-	-	-	34	-	5	109
15	-	-	-	5	31	12	8	-	-	39	-	3	98
N.G.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	47	48
TOTAL	6	48	112	137	78	15	8	-	-	141	5	68	616
F e m a l e s													
7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
10	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3
11	-	-	2	3	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	7
12	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	5
13	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	10
14	-	-	2	1	2	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	25
15	-	-	2	1	2	2	2	-	-	15	-	1	25
N.G.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
TOTAL	-	1	9	9	4	2	3	-	-	24	-	4	56

Average (median) grade of 2,831 boy delinquents convicted of major offences in 1924 compared with the average (median) grade of 627,602 boys in publicly controlled and private elementary and secondary schools in Canada.

Age	Average Grade	
	Boy Delinquents	Boys in ordinary schools
7 years	2.1	1.8
8 years	2.5	2.4
9 years	3.5	3.3
10 years	3.9	4.2
11 years	4.6	5.1
12 years	5.4	6.0
13 years	6.3	6.9
14 years	7.0	7.7
15 years	7.7	8.4

The above table represents about two-thirds of the total number of boys attending public and private elementary and secondary schools in Canada and also about two-thirds of the boy juvenile delinquents convicted of major offences in Canada in 1924. These proportions are consequently large enough to justify the belief that the school standing indicated represents actual conditions.

The data of only one year may not be sufficient as a basis for scientific deduction but points brought up by the above comparison between the school standing of the two classes of boys may be interesting and worthy of further investigation.

It is seen that up to the age of nine the juvenile delinquents show a higher standing than the normal boys, but from the age of ten up the latter outstrip the delinquents at an increasing pace. Among the points for investigation suggested by the phenomenon are the following:

1. Are there indications of significant differences between the types of offenders and the nature of the offences shown (on the average) by boys at the ages of nine and under and those shown by older delinquents? It is probable that the delinquencies shown by the younger group can be associated solely with psychological traits characteristic of their age and not with any permanent vicious tendencies? If so, it is possible to explain the superior educational status of delinquents under ten by the fact that these traits are more difficult to control at the earlier ages in the case of the brighter element; hence arise escapades which assume the proportions of offences against the law. This point implies that the juvenile delinquents at nine and under are a different class from those at ten and over.

2. As an alternative to (1) is it probable that no mental difference is necessarily revealed by the differences in school standing between delinquents and normal children. The backwardness of the former at the higher ages may be due mainly to want of home supervision, irregular attendance at school because of truancy, etc. and moral defects which are so often accompanied by distaste of prolonged application of any sort. This point implies that the individuals at nine and under may be of the same class as those at ten and over, and that the progressive loss of ground in school standing may be due not so much to mental deficiency as to actual loss of time and misplacement of energy.

Minor Offences for 1924.

Offences	1924		
	Male	Female	Total
Breach of Municipal Acts and By Laws -			
Breach of Bicycle regulations	277	1	278
Breach of Motor regulations	18	1	19
Breach of other traffic regulations	9	-	9
Carrying firearms, and using catapult or air gun	90	1	91
Playing ball, or throwing missiles on street	222	2	224
Ringling false fire alarm	23	-	23
Various other breaches of bylaws	63	3	66
Breach of bylaws not specified	162	-	162
Total Municipal Acts and Bylaws	864	8	872
Other minor offences -			
Breach of game and fishery Act	1	-	1
Cruelty to Animals	10	-	10
Disobedience and incorrigibility	164	86	250
Disorderly conduct	272	14	286
Disturbing the peace	238	18	256
Drunkenness	6	1	7
Gambling	55	-	55
Indecent and insulting language	27	2	29
Mischief	71	5	76
Throwing stones at a train	40	-	40
Tresspass on railway	267	5	272
Stealing a ride on train	10	-	10
Trespass	203	-	203
Truancy	298	67	365
Unsatisfactory under probation	53	49	102
Vagrancy and indecent conduct	91	38	129
Wandering away from home	128	80	208
Various other minor offences	65	4	69
TOTAL	1,999	369	2,368
Grand Total Minor Offences	2,863	377	3,240

The minor offences were disposed of as shown in the following table.

	1924
Reprimanded and released under Supervision	1,940
Detained indefinitely	79
Sent to Industrial School	189
Fined or paid damages	468
Sentence suspended and otherwise disposed of	564
TOTAL	3,240

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JUVENILE DELINQUENCY 1926

The total number of Juvenile delinquents returned for the year ended September 30th, 1926 was 8,245 boys and 601 girls, making a total of 8,846. The figures for 1925 were 8,064 boys and 675 girls totalling 8,739, which shows an increase of 107 for 1926 over the previous year. The boys increased by 181 and the girls decreased by 74. In addition to the above there were in 1926, 290 boys and 4 girls charged with major offences but dismissed.

The 8,846 delinquencies reported for 1926 are divided into 5,299 major and 3,547 minor offences. Those for 1925 were 5,246 major and 3,493 minor. The increase being 1.05 p.c. for major offences and 1.55 for minor.

The returns by provinces of major and minor offences are shown below for 1925 and 1926.

Juvenile Delinquents by provinces, 1925-1926.

Provinces	Major Offences				Minor Offences				Total			
	Boys		Girls		Boys		Girls		Boys		Girls	
	1925	1926	1925	1926	1925	1926	1925	1926	1925	1926	1925	1926
P. E. Island	18	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	6	-	-
Nova Scotia	254	180	9	15	146	112	7	2	400	292	16	17
New Brunswick	75	55	2	-	27	18	1	-	102	73	3	-
Quebec	865	795	106	75	642	500	89	101	1,507	1,295	195	176
Ontario	2,123	2,187	107	95	1,569	1,577	87	95	3,692	3,764	194	190
Manitoba	787	925	128	77	661	744	90	58	1,448	1,669	218	135
Saskatchewan	263	231	17	15	28	25	4	7	291	256	21	22
Alberta	213	320	2	6	56	152	3	28	269	472	5	34
British Columbia	269	305	8	12	68	113	15	15	337	418	23	27
CANADA	4,867	5,004	379	295	3,197	3,241	296	306	8,064	8,245	675	601

Juvenile Delinquents as returned from twenty-two principal cities, by
Major and Minor Offences by sexes, 1925-26.

Cities		Major Offences				Minor Offences				Total			
		Boys		Girls		Boys		Girls		Boys		Girls	
		1925	1926	1925	1926	1925	1926	1925	1926	1925	1926	1925	1926
Charlottetown,	P.E.I.	18	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	6	-	-
Halifax,	N.S.	130	83	1	3	66	34	7	1	196	117	8	4
St. John,	N.B.	36	37	2	-	26	13	1	-	62	50	3	-
Montreal,	Que.	762	705	102	70	622	475	81	83	1,384	1,180	183	153
Westmount,	Que.	34	12	1	-	17	12	1	-	51	24	2	-
Quebec,	Que.	22	34	2	2	-	-	-	17	22	34	2	19
Hull,	Que.	-	26	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	26	-	2
Toronto,	Ont.	989	927	54	37	1,132	1,122	53	47	2,121	2,049	107	84
Hamilton,	Ont.	143	188	7	7	26	74	6	5	169	262	13	12
Ottawa,	Ont.	141	132	17	9	166	116	11	19	307	248	28	28
London,	Ont.	85	102	12	12	80	98	-	10	165	200	12	22
Fort William,	Ont.	57	69	-	2	-	17	-	2	57	86	-	4
Port Arthur,	Ont.	-	32	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	33	-	1
Winnipeg,	Man.	640	753	119	71	641	711	89	58	1,281	1,464	208	129
Brandon,	Man.	80	134	8	2	10	29	-	-	90	163	8	2
Dauphin,	Man.	54	29	1	4	2	4	-	-	56	33	1	4
Regina,	Sask.	81	60	6	2	16	9	2	6	97	69	8	8
Saskatoon,	Sask.	-	41	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	45	-	-
Calgary,	Alta.	38	111	-	5	2	57	2	1	40	168	2	6
Edmonton,	Alta.	59	66	-	-	38	70	1	2	97	136	1	2
Vancouver,	B.C.	160	168	6	9	20	29	14	14	180	197	20	23
Victoria,	B.C.	34	36	-	1	20	39	-	-	54	75	-	1
Totals for nineteen Cities		3,563	3,652	338	236	2,884	2,909	268	265	6,447	6,561	606	501
Totals for twenty- two Cities			3,751		238		2,914		266		6,665		504

In the nineteen cities, for which figures for both years are given, the boys increased 1.77 p.c. and the girls decreased 17.33 p.c. Adding boys and girls there is an increase of 9 individuals.

MAJOR OFFENCES

3.

The major offences of which juveniles were convicted, classified into the six classes used in classifying the offences of adults, are shown as follows for 1925 and 1926.

	Numbers Convicted	
	1926	1925
Class I - Offences against the person		
Manslaughter	2	-
Rape	3	-
Assault aggravated	9	9
Assault common	117	118
Assault indecent	24	37
Incest	5	-
Shooting, stabbing and wounding	7	3
Endangering life by obstructing railway	60	40
Other offences against the person	3	5
Totals of Class I	230	212
Class II - Offences against property with violence		
Burglary-shop and house breaking	658	798
Robbery	13	17
Totals of Class II	671	815
Class III - Offences against property without violence		
False pretences	4	12
Fraud	4	-
Receiving stolen goods	49	70
Horse stealing	13	18
Theft, undefined	2,845	2,509
Theft of automobile	143	108
Theft of bicycles	146	142
Theft of money	217	363
Theft of mail	-	4
Theft from the person	7	6
Theft of fruit, vegetables	149	128
Theft of pigeons and chickens	51	19
Implicated in theft	-	19
Totals of Class III	3,628	3,398
Class IV - Willful damage to property		
Arson and attempt	30	12
Other damage to property	580	628
Totals of Class IV	610	640
Class V - Forgery and uttering	14	7
Class VI - Miscellaneous offences		
Attempt to commit suicide	2	2
Immorality	116	145
Escape from custody	20	19
Other offences	8	8
Totals of Class VI	146	174
GRAND TOTALS	5,299	5,246

Disposition of Juvenile Offenders

The disposition of Juveniles convicted of major offences for 1925 and 1926 are as follows:-

	1926	1925
Reprimanded	568	416
On probation -		
Made wards of Court	1,189	1,980
Returned to parents	114	84
Ordered to make restitution	210	149
Fined or paid costs	747	561
Detained indefinitely	243	96
Sent to Industrial School	466	516
Sentence suspended	1,717	1,242
Otherwise disposed of	X 45	4 202
Totals	5,299	5,246

X 44 and 4 34 received corporal punishment.

Repeaters

The court records of these delinquents for 1925 and 1926 are as follows:-

Number of times in Court	1926	1925
First offence	4,122	4,072
Second offence	561	598
Third offence	263	276
Fourth offence	152	139
Fifth offence and more	201	161
Totals	5,299	5,246

Birth Places of Delinquents and Their Parents

According to birth place of delinquents and their parents, the returns of 1926 show that of the 5,299 convicted of major offences, 4,535 were born in Canada, 534 were born out of Canada and in 230 cases the birth place was not given.

Of the 4,535 native born children, 2,273 were native born of native born parents; 622 were native born of parents British born out of Canada; 1,346 were native of foreign born parents. Delinquents numbering 294 had one parent native born and one born out of Canada.

Of the 534 delinquents born out of Canada, 248 were born within the Empire and 286 were born in foreign countries.

Rate of Canadian, British and Foreign-born delinquents convicted of major offences per 100,000 (1921 census) children of the same age (7 to 15) by provinces for 1925 and 1926.

	Place of Birth							
	Canada		Other British		Foreign		Total	
	1925	1926	1925	1926	1925	1926	1925	1926
Prince Edward Island	109	36	-	-	-	-	109	36
Nova Scotia	265	323	114	230	-	88	255	190
New Brunswick	99	66	-	321	-	51	97	69
Quebec	196	174	151	82	91	182	193	173
Ontario	434	446	411	381	750	783	443	453
Manitoba	783	847	450	603	677	784	755	827
Saskatchewan	189	174	186	93	151	116	184	161
Alberta	216	331	211	277	104	158	195	296
British Columbia	314	428	349	269	604	248	342	404
Canada	312	316	331	317	323	325	314	316

It is notable how in both years the provinces held almost the same relative positions with regard to the ratio of total convictions, Manitoba, Ontario and British Columbia in the order named being the highest each year, while Prince Edward Island changed places with New Brunswick for lowest in 1926. The Foreign-born, in the aggregate were the highest in both years, but in several provinces they were lower than the Canadian and British-born.

RELIGIONS OF JUVENILE DELINQUENTS

The Principal Religions of Delinquents of Major Offences for 1925 and 1926 are shown as follows:-

Religions	Total Religions 1921 Census	No. of Delinquents 1925	No. of Delinquents 1926	Rate of Delinquents per 100,000 of population	
				1925	1926
Anglican	1,407,959	630	595	44.7	42.3
Baptist	421,730	188	154	44.6	36.5
Greek Church	169,822	230	340	135.4	200.2
Jew	125,190	162	214	129.4	170.9
Lutheran	287,484	99	114	34.4	39.7
Methodist	1,158,744	413	133	34.5)	
Presbyterian	1,408,812	488	425	40.6)	39.4
United Church		34	456	-)	
Roman Catholic	3,383,663	2,222	2,099	65.6	62.0
Salvation Army	24,763	45	97	182.1	391.7
Protestant	36,350	381	329	1,048.0	905.1
Other sects	444,615	124	89	27.9	20.0
Not given	19,351	230	254	1,188.5	1,312.5
Total	8,788,483	5,246	5,299	59.7	60.2

The ages and school grade of delinquents are shown below.

Totals of Canada, Exclusive of Quebec

Males

Age	Primary Grades								Secondary	Reads, Writes Grade N.G.	Illiterate	Degree of Education N.G.	Total
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII					
7	27	20	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	-	58
8	47	40	26	2	1	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	131
9	30	49	83	41	9	2	-	-	-	38	-	1	258
10	15	43	107	99	51	12	3	1	-	42	-	-	373
11	4	19	77	123	129	56	15	5	-	69	1	-	498
12	2	13	49	113	163	130	52	15	-	106	-	2	645
13	1	12	23	75	122	164	124	46	22	87	1	1	668
14	1	3	12	43	86	127	122	113	67	148	-	3	725
15	4	3	5	24	45	83	105	109	101	237	-	5	721
N.G.	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	1	-	99	-	28	132
Total	131	202	389	522	606	576	412	290	190	844	7	40	4,209

Females

Age	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Secondary	Reads, Writes Grade N.G.	Illiterate	Degree of Education N.G.	Total
7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
9	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
10	1	1	5	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
11	-	1	3	11	3	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	23
12	1	2	1	3	4	6	5	-	-	3	-	-	25
13	-	1	4	6	6	10	4	4	-	5	-	-	40
14	-	1	5	3	2	12	15	7	5	3	1	-	54
15	1	1	2	4	8	1	3	12	4	15	-	-	51
N.G.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	6
Total	3	10	23	28	28	32	27	23	9	36	1	-	220

Note:- The Roman Catholic school grades of Quebec differ from those of the Protestants and from those of other provinces. Thus approximately:-
 The Roman Catholic grades I and II are equal to the Protestant grades I and II.
 The Roman Catholic grades III and IV are equal to the Protestant grades III, IV, V and VI.
 The Roman Catholic grades V and VI are equal to the Protestant grades VII and VIII.
 The returns from Montreal show Protestant grades in uniformity with the Roman Catholic grades.

TOTALS OF QUEBEC

M a l e s

Age	Primary Grades						Second- ary	Reads, Writes Grade N.G.	Illit- erate	Degree of educa- tion N.G.	Total
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI					
7	22	7	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	31
8	10	13	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	27
9	-	33	2	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	38
10	-	52	30	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	86
11	-	16	51	4	-	-	-	9	-	-	80
12	-	2	81	36	1	-	-	17	-	-	137
13	-	1	22	78	4	-	-	16	-	-	121
14	-	-	8	64	39	1	-	28	-	-	140
15	-	-	3	13	30	15	-	44	-	-	135
N.G.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	32	124	197	195	74	16	-	157	-	-	795

F e m a l e s

7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
10	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
11	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3
12	-	-	5	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	9
13	-	-	3	7	-	-	-	2	-	-	12
14	-	-	1	5	8	-	-	7	-	-	21
15	-	-	1	2	6	2	-	15	-	-	26
N.G.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	1	13	16	14	3	-	28	-	-	75

The rate of educational progress of delinquents has been shown in previous reports to be less rapid than that of ordinary pupils. During the five years that these figures have been published there has been very little change in this respect. Considering the boy delinquents (major offenders only) for the period, the mean age in 1922 was 12.35 years and in the succeeding four years the ages were: 12.02, 12.14^{12.12} and 12.21. The mean school grade for the five years was 5.12, 5.10, 5.09, 5.03 and 5.24 showing a retrogression during the first four years, but an advance in 1926 over 1925.

MINOR OFFENCES

The Minor Offences for 1925 and 1926 have been tabulated as follows:-

Offences	Male		Female		Total	
	1925	1926	1925	1926	1925	1926
Breach of Municipal Acts and By Laws -						
Breach of Bicycle regulations	224	321	1	-	225	321
Breach of Motor regulations	9	39	-	-	9	39
Breach of other traffic regulations	16	8	-	-	16	8
Carrying firearms, and using catapult or air gun	42	66	-	-	42	66
Playing ball, or throwing missiles on street	357	314	6	-	363	314
Ringing false fire alarm	24	37	1	1	25	38
Various other breaches of bylaws	27	32	-	2	27	34
Breach of bylaws not specified	290	456	1	7	291	463
Total Municipal Acts and Bylaws	989	1,273	9	10	998	1,283
Other minor offences -						
Breach of game and fishery act	1	3	-	-	1	3
Cruelty to animals	19	2	-	-	19	2
Incorrigibility	242	255	87	109	329	364
Disorderly conduct	659	381	22	13	681	394
Disturbing the peace	28	51	-	2	28	53
Drunkenness	1	7	2	-	3	7
Gambling	59	33	-	-	59	33
Insulting language	10	7	4	2	14	9
Mischief	43	18	-	-	43	18
Trespass on railway	251	340	12	5	263	345
Tresspass	264	297	4	4	268	301
Truancy	260	213	36	31	296	244
Unsatisfactory under probation	68	49	23	16	91	65
Vagrancy and indecent conduct	161	156	36	27	197	183
Wandering away from home	93	123	48	75	141	198
Various other minor offences	49	33	13	12	62	45
Total	2,208	1,968	287	296	2,495	2,264
Grand Total, Minor Offences	3,197	3,241	296	306	3,493	3,547

The minor offences were disposed of as shown in the following table.

Offences	1925	1926
Reprimanded and released under Supervision	1,611	1,382
Detained indefinitely	735	97
Sent to Industrial School	147	84
Fined or paid damages	488	814
Sentence suspended and otherwise disposed of	512	1,170
Total	3,493	3,547

